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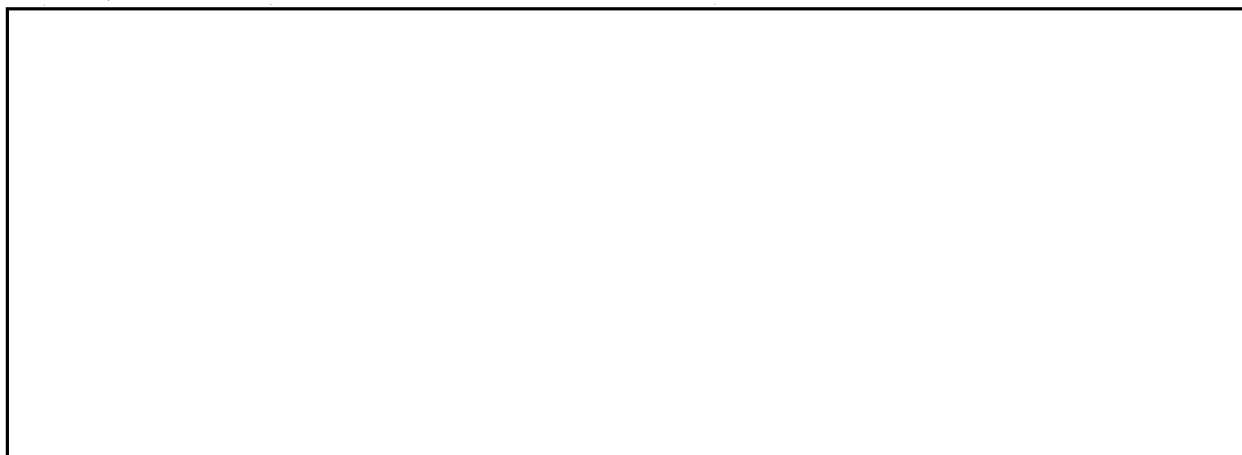
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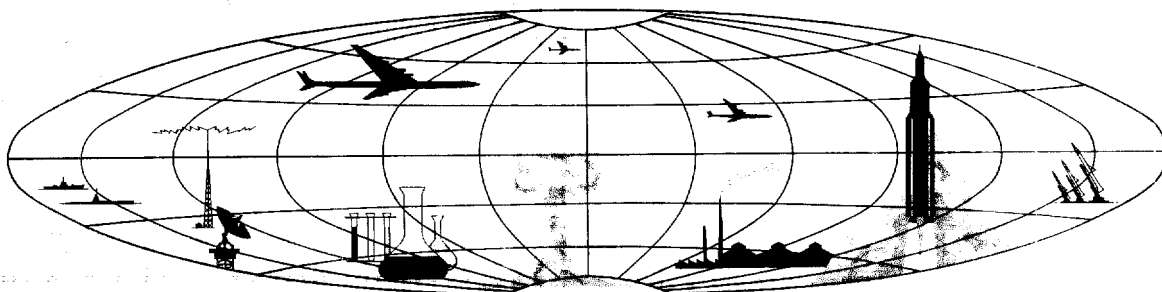


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## PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT  
(50-42N 115-58E)  
BYRKA, CHITA OBLAST, USSR  
TRANSBAIKAL MD

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AL No: None

COMOR No: None

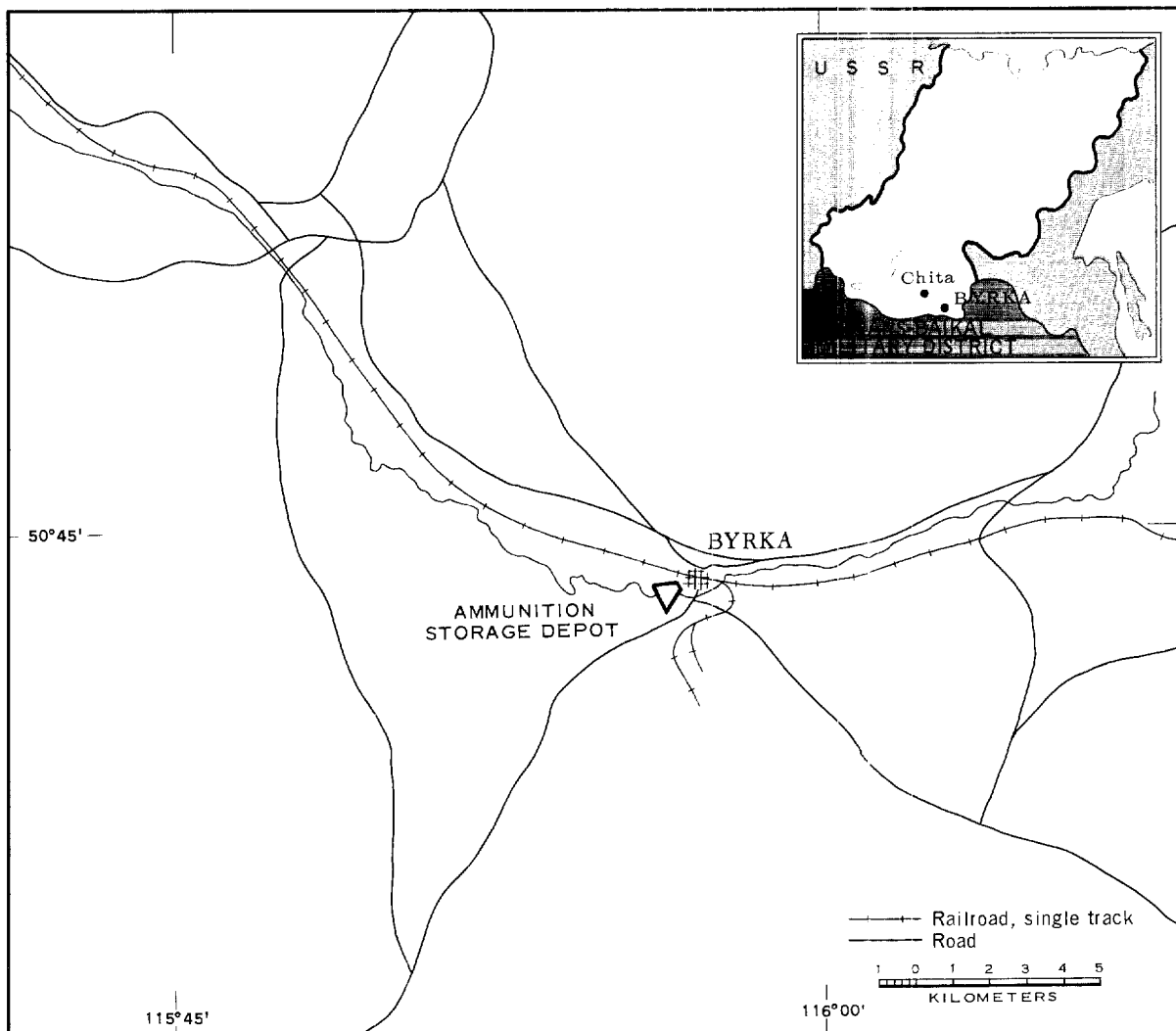


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT, BYRKA, USSR.

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SUMMARY

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An Ammunition Storage Depot is located on the southwest edge of Byrka, 215 kilometers (km) southeast of Chita, 7 km west of the Mirnaya military complex, 15 km west of the Bezrechnaya military complex, and 21 km southeast of the Yasnaya military complex (Figure 1). The installation is served by a spur from the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad and a probable hard surface, all-weather road.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) encompasses approximately 800 acres and contains a total of 63 buildings, including 45 storage build-

ings, four administrative/barracks buildings, and 14 general support buildings. A support area divides the storage area into two main groups. Each grouping is secured and has a wide firebreak. An abandoned SA-2 site (AL-26) is located immediately east of the southern storage area.

This installation is covered by 13 [REDACTED] missions between [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comparative photographic coverage indicates no apparent change in the installation since its initial identification on [REDACTED]

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

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**Railroad Service**

The installation is served by a single spur rail line which runs through the installation, and provides access to all buildings.

**Road Service**

The installation is served by a probable hard surface, all-weather road which provides direct connection to two division-sized military complexes, one to the east and another to the northwest.

**Aircraft Landing Strip**

The nearest landing strip is at the Khada Bulak Station North Airfield, 16 km to the east.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D has one administrative building, three barracks, and two storage and five sup-

port buildings. There is road access to both storage areas. There has been no apparent change in this facility since [REDACTED]

**Ammunition Storage Areas**

Area F1 has ten 185- by 60-foot, non-revetted, well dispersed storage buildings, eight 120- by 60-foot storage buildings, and four support buildings.

Area F2 has sixteen 90- by 65-foot and nine 185- by 60-foot storage buildings and is located in a dry steam bed. The area also contains three support buildings.

**Other Buildings**

Area H contains seven support buildings, probably for general maintenance and storage.

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